

Remarks

Further and favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested in view of the foregoing amendments and following remarks.

Thus, claims 10-18, which have been withdrawn from further consideration by the Examiner as being directed to the non-elected subject matter, have been cancelled. Applicants emphasize that this is without prejudice to their rights under 35 U.S.C. §121 to file a divisional application for the subject matter of claims 10-18.

The only other claims remaining in the application, i.e., claims 1-9, have been allowed by the Examiner.

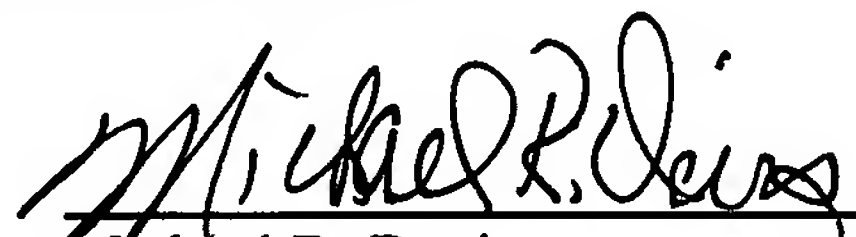
However, Applicants' attorney has noticed that there is an inadvertent error in line 5 below formula (II) in claim 1. When previously amending claim 1, it was the intention of Applicants' attorney to change "if necessary" to --optionally-- in the corresponding portion of original claim 1, similar to the same change made at the end of claims 1 and 8. However, the word "if" was inadvertently not stricken. This change has now been made in claim 1.

Accordingly, the present application is now considered to be in condition for allowance, and such allowance is solicited.

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